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SUBJ: INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT FORD

- 1. INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT FORD DOMINATED CAIRO PRESS OVER WEEKEND. CHIEF EGYPTIAN CONCERN IS REVEALED BY AHRAM HEADLINE AUGUST 11: "FORD ASSURES ARAB AMBASSADORS THAT AMERICA'S EFFORTS FOR PEACE IN ME WILL CONTINUE."
- 2. REACTION HERE IS MAINLY ONE OF RELIEF THAT USG IS READY FOR BUSINESS AS USUAL, SECRETARY KISSINGER WILL CONTINZZJSN XFFICE, AND, AS EXPRESSED BY GUMHURIYYA HEADLINE AUGUST 11 "US PRESIDENT ASSURES SADAT AMERICA WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH ME PEACE."
- 3. ALTHOUGH EGYPTIAN INTELLECTUALS HAVE EXPRESSED TO US THEIR RENEWED ADMIRATION FOR THE US CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESS, THERE IS STILL A STRONG BODY OF OPINION HERE, EVEN AT HIGH LEVELS OF BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT, WHICH ATTRIBUTE THZ IMPEACHMENT PROCEEDINGS TO A CONCERTED ZIONIST CAMPAIGN TO OVERTURN AN AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION WHICH ACTIVELY SOUGHT FRIENDS IN ARAB LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WORLD. EXTREME EXPRESSION THIS POINT OF VIEW IS FRONT PAGE

COMMENTARY AUGUST 11 BY AKHBAR EDITOR MUSA SABRI, WHO CLAIMS US VOTER IS MERE CIPHER AND AMERICAN POLICIES ARE TOTALLY DOMINATED BY "ECONOMIC FORCES". HE CONTINUES: "...CONTROLLING AMERICAN FORCES PLOTTED TO REMOVE PRESIDENT NIXON FROM OFFICE DUE TO A CONFLICT WHICH PA ENTIRELY REMOTE FROM THE CONCEPTS OF THE RULE LAW AND INTEGRITY IN THE WHITE HOUSE."

4. IN GENERAL, HOWEVER, BOTH PRESS AND PUBLIC OPINION DEFINITELY WISH PRESIDENT FORD'S ADMINISTRATION
WELL, AND ARE DISPOSED TO
ACCEPT USG ASSURANCES THAT OUR ME POLICY WILL CONTINUE ON COURSE.
MOST EDITORIALS UNDERLINE, HOWEVER, THAT IF NEED BE, ARAB UNITY
CAN INSURE THAT ARAB VOICE WILL BE HEARD IN WASHINGTON.
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